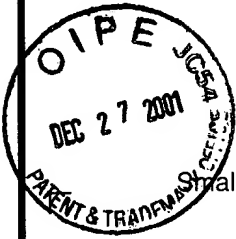


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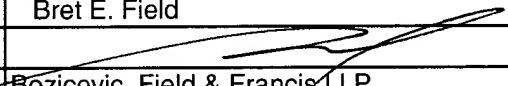
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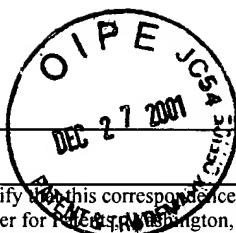
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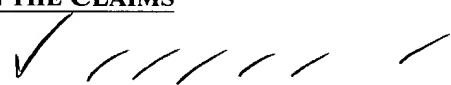
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 26, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 26, 2001. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS



Claims 1, 11, 14, 19, 20, and 24 have been amended as follows.

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A1 Sub 31

1. (Amended) A storage stable composition of matter comprising:
 a positively charged porous matrix; and
 a urea derivative dye on at least one surface of said matrix,
 wherein said composition is stable for at least about six months at temperatures ranging from at least about -80°C to 60°C under humidity ranging from at least about 0% to 20%.]

A2 Sub 33

11. (Once Amended) A storage stable reagent test strip for use in detecting the presence or determining the concentration of an analyte in a physiological sample, said strip comprising: